

Data measured during tests of a centrifugal pump at 3500 rpm are given in the table below:

Parameter	Inlet Section	Outlet Section
gage pressure, p [kPa]	95.2	412
elevation above datum, z [m]	1.25	2.75
avg speed of flow, V [m/s]	2.35	3.62

The working fluid is water. The flow rate is $11.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr}$ and the torque applied to the pump shaft is $3.68 \text{ N}\cdot\text{m}$. Evaluate the head rise across the pump, the hydraulic power input to the fluid, and the pump efficiency. If the electric motor efficiency is 85%, calculate the electric power requirement.

SOLUTION:

First determine the total heads at the inlet and outlet to the pump. The total head is given by:

$$H = \frac{p}{\rho g} + \alpha \frac{\bar{V}^2}{2g} + z$$

Using the given data (and noting that $D = [Q/(\pi/4V)]^{1/2}$ and $Re = VD/\nu$ so that $Re_{inlet} = 9.78e4$ and $Re_{outlet} = 1.21e5 \Rightarrow \alpha_{inlet} \approx \alpha_{outlet} \approx 1$) and using absolute pressures when calculating the head:

$$H_{inlet} = 21.6 \text{ m}$$

$$H_{outlet} = 55.7 \text{ m}$$

$$\Delta H = 34.1 \text{ m}$$

The hydraulic power input to the fluid is given by:

$$\dot{W}_{fluid} = \dot{m}g(H_{outlet} - H_{inlet})$$

$$\dot{W}_{fluid} = 1.07 \text{ kW}$$

The power required to drive the pump is:

$$\dot{W}_{shaft} = T\omega$$

$$\dot{W}_{shaft} = 1.35 \text{ kW}$$

The efficiency of the pump is given by:

$$\eta_{pump} = \frac{\dot{W}_{fluid}}{\dot{W}_{shaft}}$$

$$\eta_{pump} = 79.4\%$$

The electric power required is:

$$\dot{W}_{required \text{ for motor}} = \frac{\dot{W}_{shaft}}{\eta_{motor}}$$

$$\dot{W}_{required \text{ for motor}} = 1.59 \text{ kW}$$